

The Interview

Lisa is on her way to a job interview. She applied for an apprenticeship at Fielmann, because she would like to become an Optician. Lisa is a little bit nervous, but as soon as she arrives two friendly looking women welcome her and she calms down immediately.

Lisa knocks on the door.

Sarah: Come on in!

Lisa: Hello!

Sarah: Hi! You must be Lisa. I'm Sarah, I'm the manager here, and this is Lucy, one of our employees.

Lucy: Hi Lisa!

Sarah: Have a seat.

Lisa: Thank you.

Lisa shakes hands with the two women and sits down on a chair right in front of their seats.

Sarah: We have received your application and CV and you seem to have some experience in the field, already. Could you maybe tell us more about that?

Lisa: Of course. I did my work placement in school at Fielmann and I really enjoyed it.

Lucy: Have you always wanted to become an Optician or have you ever considered any other profession?

Lisa: I can't remember wanting to do anything else, especially since my work placement. I think this is the right job for me.

Sarah: Sounds great. Nevertheless, I will also contact Mary Smith, your former employer to ask her a few questions, if that's okay. Is she listed as one of your references?

Lisa: Yes, she is. You can find her name and contact details right at the bottom of page 2 in my CV.

Lucy: Lisa, you should know that you also need very good communication skills in addition to technical knowledge. Do you think you could fulfil these requirements?

Lisa: Well, I know that I still have a lot to learn, but I am very keen and consider myself quite good with people, because I'm open-minded. What would be my role here as an apprentice during the 3 years and when would I start?

Sarah: As one of our apprentices recently quit, because he figured he would rather become a policeman, you could start straight away. In the beginning you would be working very closely with our other employees to get to know the daily routine. In addition you will have to attend a training course in order to gain the technical knowledge required. The salary is not as good as if you would be employed full-time as Lucy, but it rises from year to year as you progress through the apprenticeship. I would have one more question, though, what do you do for a living at the moment? Are you employed or unemployed?

Lisa: I'm still in school and nearly finished. Graduation is in the beginning of June!

Lucy: Sounds good. That would be a perfect time to start, wouldn't it, Sarah?

Sarah: Yes, June would be perfect. Thanks for coming around, Lisa. It was very nice talking to you and we will get back to you as soon as we've made a decision.

Lucy: It would be great to see you back here very soon!

Lisa: Thank you very much. I'm looking forward to hearing back!

All: Bye, goodbye!